EDWARD C. DANA.

Editor and Publisher

Woodstock, Vt., August 13, 1910

Vermont needs more efficient protection of her rarer birds andgame. A Dorset hunter-and this time the offender is a woman-is reported to have shot a "fine and very rare specimen of green kingfisher," a harmless bird that had a right to live. Thoughtless killing like this should be checked by some means.

A rally at St. Albans next Thursday will open the Democratic campaign in Vermont, and it starts off with much wholesome encouragement that is some indication of a reduced Republican majority next month. While the bolt against Dr. Mead has not assumed appalling proportions, and is not likely to, the dissatisfaction with the Republican candidate for governor is quite evident, within his party everywhere And approbation of the Democratic candidate, Charles D. Watson, from the same sources, is outspoken and emphatic.

The County Fair

The Windsor County Agricultural society, that flourishing institution of sixty odd years' standing, holds its annual fair September 13. 14 and 15. This show is only about four weeks away.

Much more than usual interest is manifested is the great harvest festival this year; the managers are alive to the importance of the pub- another. This one belonged to her licity end of the enterprise, and the husband's mother, Mrs. Mary general public knows that there is to be a fair-a bigger and better old. These snuff boxes, coming to exhibition than we have had for

The county fair has always a good show of cattle, horses, sheep and did their worthy owners in the good swine; several plump purses are old times hung up for fast horses, and other

The fair opens Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Can't Stop Fight Pictures

State's Attorney Benjamin Gates of Washington county, is of the opinion that there is no law in Vermont to prohibit the exhibition of the Jeffries-Johnson fight pictures, as it is questionable whether they can be classed with immoral and immodest pictures, which the law p rohibits showing.

BETHEL

Charles C. Wilson, A. B., University of Vermont, '07, has arrived at his mother's house here, having completed a special course at Christ church, Oxford, under a Rhodes scholarship. He won the Oxford degree of B. A. in theology with right to the degree M. A. in three years. His studies in theology at Oxford are recognized by the Episcopal church here in whose ministry he will be ordained a deacon about the middle of September. Early in that month he will attend a retreat at the home of Bishop Arthur C. A.

PROBATE COURT.

Aug. 3 .- Richard Hoar's estate; inventory returned.

Aug. 4.-Sarah A. French's es tate; administration account settled. Aug. 5-Arrice E. Holt's estate. Hartland; will proved; E. W. Bil-

lings executor; W. F. Sturtevant and L. J. M. Marcy commissioners. Rath C. Ladd; et al., minors; in vontory returned.

Aug. 6-Julia G. Morgan's estate, Rochester; will presented for probate by R. G. Morgan. executor

hearing Ang. 26. Myra E. Chase's estate, Hartford Wm. Batchelder appointed admin-

Edward B. Clapp's estate; Eliza beth C. Clapp administratrix. Lucinda King's estate, inventory

Aug. 8-Louisa Dunbar's estate;

will proved.

Gaynor Doing Well

Reports from Mayor William J Gaynor of New York, who was shot by James Gallagher, a discharged employe of the city government, Tuesday morning, are encouraging, and his recovery is looked for,

SOUTH POMFRET

Rev. H. L. Canfield will conduct a service in Grange hall on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 21, at 3 o'clock. Bible study classes for adults and children will meet at four o'clock. Everyone welcome to these exercises.

ABBOTT LIBRARY NOTES. Through the munificence of sev-

eral friends, we have recently been able to give to patrons visiting us, and also to send out from the library, a series of blotters and leaflets, bearing on educational lines both humane

We give below, extracts from a lew of the letters lately received. President John M. Thomas of

Middlebury college writes: "I thank you very much indeed for remembering me with the good the church here. literature issued so attractively by the Abbott Memorial Library. It was a very happy thought of yours to send out these little sermons in a form so effective and I am sure they

will accomplish good. Wishing you success in your good

Faithfully Yours, John M. Thomas,

From Mrs. W. P. Smith, St Johnsbury, member of the State Board of Library Commissioners: "Many thanks for the blotters I

is such a good way to get the truth before people." From Frances Hobert, Cambridge Your blotters are as good as the Bible. They amaze me with good-

From Fanny B. Fletcher, Proctors-

"I will do all I can to carry on the interest in the material you have sent me will talk it, and will print it. I wish others sent the commission their ideas the way you do. You can't know how much it helps us." 'John Cotton Dana, Newark, N. J.,

"Pomfret is evidenly right to the front."

We had been wishing for a long, long time that some one would give us a good old smuffbox for the relic room and finally it came, and now Mrs Samuel Paul has given us Thompson Paul, and is very, very us from the far away past, still retain the fragrance of years gone by, and in imagination we feel refreshed as

Now add to that these letters that special attractions will be worth are coming to us about the leaflets and blotters and we have a veritable tonic that is bracing us up for the duties that time will surely unfold

ABBA DOTON CHAMBERLIN,

QUECHEE.

Harry Cutting of Boston has be spending the week with his uncle, Daniel Badger,

James Diamond has sold his place on School street to C. E. Billings, who takes possession at once. . Mr. Diamond is to move into the gristmill house.

A. C. Blanchard and wite of Montpelier and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Quigley of Barre spent Sunday with heir aunt, Mrs. William Lindsey.

Mrs. Maude Wright Bugbee is in Cabot with triends for a few days. Miss Carrie Spaulding of Boston s with her sister, Mrs. Clifford, for

The Parker mill was closed Saturday to give the help a chance to attend the circus at White River

Tunction. Mrs. Clara Churchill is with her daughter, Mrs. Goodrich, of Norwich, for a few weeks.

Miss Lillian Marcy of Wells River is with her aunt, Mrs. P. H. Lillie, for the month of August.

A Mr. Kelly of Woodstock, while on his way home from White River Junction, had a horse taken sick and die on our streets Wednesday even-

Mrs. Mabel Bond of Derry, N.H. is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. D. C. Landers returned from Hanover Wednesday where she has been for a short time, improved in

Lawrence Tinkham was with friends in Woodstock Thursday evening.

Mrs. John Reding of Boston is making her annual visit at the Barron homestead.

Flora and Mabel Strong of Hartland are visiting at the parsonage. Mrs. D. C. Sherwin of Woodstock is spending a tew days with

Mrs. Tinkham. Frank French returned to Athol Thursday and Walter French accom-

panied him. John McElwin of Holyoke is the Hazens'.

Driving across the tracks at North Here in front of a rapidly moving excursion train, John Anderson, a farmer, was almost instantly killed No. 1 4444 Al - Virgin La Dig

BARNARD.

Base ball games at Barnard: Aug 2, Silver Lake, 21, East Barnard, O. Aug. 6, Silver Lake 10, Mount Hun-

Mr. Hickey of Johnson is visiting his son, Dr. Hickey. Miss Anna Coughlin returned

nome Tuesday.

Rev. Mr. Howard and family returned August 6. Miss Ruby Dean of Brattleboro is

visiting at her grandmother's. P. C. Tinkham of Rochester was in town Studay. Rey. H. S. Mann has resigned as

pastor of the Universalist church, his resignation taking effect at once. Rev. Donald Flower will assist in the coming rededication services of

Mrs. George Messer, a cousin of J. H. Ward, James Ward and Mrs-Edward Leonard, died suddenly last week at her home in Boston.

HARTLAND HILL

A party of four, including Benj Marcy, Mr. Morgan, Arty Kneen and Mr. Pembrook, agent at Hartland station, ascended Mt. Killington on Sunday, making the trip from West Bridgewater in two hours and 45

L. J. M. Marcy and wife of Hartland Four Corners were recent guests at Sunny Hill farm.

Quite a number took in the circus

Thursday was a day of constant thunder and lightening and downpour; something unheard of before.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK.

Rev. H. L. Canfield will preach at the church next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock and once in two weeks thereafter during the remainder of

Rev. H. L. Canfield will preach in the church Sunday August 14, at 2 o'clock. Come and hear a good sermon. The Ladies Sociable met in their

parlors Aug. 4th. The few who dared venture out on account of the terrible thunder showers enjoyed it very much. Mrs. Wilson is gaining very fast.

Dr. F. O. Kendall of New York city is at his summer home engaged in farming as usual.

Mrs. Fred Fletcher is improving Mrs. R. H. Kingsley spent Tuesday in Woodstock, with her sister, Mrs. M. A. Dutton.

TAFTSVILLE

Rev. E. W. Eldridge of Quechee will preach here tomorrow at 2.30 Sunday school at 3.30.

The first and second degrees were conferred on a class of four by Ottauquechee Grange Saturday evening. E. T. Emmous, a Taftsville boy now residing in Geneva, N. Y., is with his wife and daughter at A. H. Townsend's in Woodstock.

\$25,000 For Schoolhouse

At a special town meeting held at Chester Tuesday, it was voted to authorize the selectmen to issue bonds on the credit of the town for \$25,000 for the purchase of land and the erection of a school building. Work will be begun at once.

Getting Ready for the State Fair

White River Junction, Vt., Aug. -Fred L. Davis, Secretary of the Vermont State Fair Commission, is devoting his entire time to the preparations for the state fair to be held here September 20 to 23 inclusive. He states that the entries in all departments will be in excess of other years, that, in fact, it will be the. largest exhibition of cattle, horses, sheep, swine and poultry ever shown in New England,

The improvements on the fair grounds are going ahead rapidly. Work on putting the state fair railroad in condition, which runs from this village to the fair grounds, was begun this week.

Ends Life With a Bullet

With a copy of Byron's poems beside him, Gamaliel Bradford third, of Wellesley Hills, Mass., direct descendant of William Bradford, first governor of the Plymouth Colony, and a member of the graduating class of 1910 at Harvard, shot himself to death at a South Framingham hotel Monday because the girl he loved had refused him.

The young man was tenth descendant of a family which contained many prominent men. He was 22 years old. His grandfather is Gameliel Bradford of Brookline, the well-known publicist, anti-imperialist and a former candidate for Governor of Massachusetts.

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travels suspended on a twig.

A Leading Citizen. "Didn't you tell me Faro Joe was one of the leading citizens of Crimson

Well," answered Broncho Bob When he left town he led the vigilance committee by a quarter of a mile clean to the next county."-

Didn't Mean It That Way. Willie-I say, ma, if dad was to die would he go to heaven? Ma-Hush. Willief Who's been putting such ridiculous thoughts into your head!-

One today is worth two tomorrows

The barn of John Elmer in Vergennes, was burned recently, the fire being caused by Mr. Pierce's three-year-old son lighting matches in the barn.

Holding a stick of dynamite in his lap, Mayor A. Ha Bousman of Ridgeway, Va., deliberately lighted the fuse with his cigar that his family might reap the benefit of heavy insurance, which he carried, according to detectives who investigated the mysterious explosion at Ridgeway on July 24.

Two St. Johnsbury Academy graduates are candidates for gover nor this tall. Charles E. Russell, of the class of 1881, is the Socialist candidate in New York and F. W. Plaisted, of Augusta, of the class of 1885, is on the Democratic ticket in the state of Maine.

Ex-Gov. W. W. Stickney, of Ludlow, has been appointed by Gov. G. H. Prouty a commissioner to determine the boundary lines between Vermont and Massachusetts, and with an official from that state, has been at work for the past ten days He was a commissioner to fix the boundary lines between this state and New York a few years ago.

A bullet from a 22 calibre rifle, fired at a target by William Lucier in his back yard at Brattleboro, went through the glass panel in the front door of the house occupied by Har vey W. Sanders, shattering the glass. It was found in the hall and t was evident that the bullet had been nearly spent before it reached the door. The young man was not aware that, it was against an ordinance to discharge firearms in the village and agreed to pay for the damage caused.

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> THE AGE WOODSTOCK VERMONT

> > COMMISSIONERS NOTICE

Estate of Ellen M. Merritt.

allowance,
Dated at Woodstock this 16th day of July
A. D., 1910.

J. E. Montagus, | Com, H. C. Cushing. | Com, Expires Dec. 20, 1910. Flora M. Grandy, Ex.

STATE OF VERMONT, At a Probate Hartford District, as Court held at Woodstock, in said District, on the 15th day of July, A. D. 1910.

said account, if they see cause, and to establish their rights as lawful claimants of

residue.
A true record, Attest
T. O. Seaver, Judge.
A true copy of record, Attest
T. O. Seaver, Judge.

ROBERT POINTER

Five years old, a golden bay stallion, stands 15.2, weighs 1150, star in forehead, one white hind foot.

hind foot.

He was sired by Sun Pointer, he by Star
Pointer 1.59 1-4, he by Brown Hal, who was
the champion in his day. Star Pointer, 1.591-4, was the first horse to beat two minutes,
and held the world's championship for six

Sweepstake, the dam of Star Pointer, pro-duced Hal Pointer, 2.04 1-2, and many other

good ones.

Brown Hal, 2-12 1-2, sire of Star Pointer.
1.59 1-4, Hal Dillard, 2.04 3-4, Hal Griffin,
2.05 1-4, Star Hal, 2.06 1-4, and a lot more

The Woodstock Fair Ground

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to warrant; \$2,00 payable at time of service. Having complied with the stallion law of Vermont I shall claim its privileges.

Woodstock, Vt. People's telephone.

Children's Teething

Special offer on page four

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Commissioner's Notice.

Estate of Lucinda King. Estate of Ellen M. Merritt.

The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Hartford. Commissioners, to receive, examine, and adjust the claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Ellen M. Merritt, late of Woodstock in said District, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purpose aforesaid, at the ofice of F. C. Southgate, in the town of Woodstock, in said District on the 10th day of August and 10th day of December next, from 10 o'clock a. m. until 4 o'clock p. m., on each of said days and that six months from the 20th day of June A. D. 1910, is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance. The Undersigned, having been ap-pointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Hartford, commissioners, to receive, examine, and adjust the claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Lucinda King, late of Pomfret, in said district, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purpose aforesaid, at the store of M. J. Mudgett, in the town of Pomfret, in said District, on the 23d day of July and the 10th day of December next, from 2 o'clock p. m. until 4 o'clock p. m. on each of said days and that six months from the 14th day of June A. D. 1910, is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated at Pomfret, Vt., this 28th day of June A. D. 1910.

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BIRTHS.

CARROLL S. PAGE, Hyde Park, Vt.

In Rutland, Aug. 7, a daughter, Catharine Lena, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Boyden, granddaughter to S. D. Townsend and great-grandda to Seneca S. Winslow.

In Woodstock, Aug. 6, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Turner J. Maxham.

In Hartland Four Corners, Aug. 3, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Murgatory. In West Bridgewater, July 28, a son Howard Gordon, to Mr. and Mrs. George Needham.

In Woostock, Aug. 2, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge R. Brown.

DEATHS. In Woodstock, Aug. 2, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge R. Brown. In Bridgewater, July 6. Floren Blanchard Tracy, aped 34 years. In Woodstock, Aug. 10, Eugene P Tewksbury, aged 68 years.

Batting Practice. Hugh S. Fullerton, writing on the subject of "Batting" in the American

Magazine, says: "As in everything else, practice makes toward perfection, and batting practice now is indulged in by professional players to an extent not even imagined by the followers of the game. Major league players frequently spend five hours a day batting and will remain and hit as long as they can find any one to pitch for them. Almost every club retains some broken down pitcher or some aspiring youngster on salary to pitch to the batters, who pay him by contributions to pitch to them. And, strangely, they love their solid hits, even in practice. After the final game of the series for the Chicago championship last fall, after playing about 175 games, Frank Shulte stopped

Apropos of Hall Caine's recent lawsuit a New York playwright said: "Hall Caine is always talking about his health, his ruined nerves, insomnia, etc. He is as proud of his invalidism as Sandow is of his muscles. The last time I saw Hall Caine was in his bedroom in the Hotel Walton, in Philadelphia. The little thin man, with his domelike forehead and weak,

to hit it just once more.'

like Shakespeare than ever.
"'Mr. Caine,' I said, 'I hope you're "Well!" he snarled. 'I'm far from well. I haven't slept, sir, for two

wispy brown whiskers, looked more

weeks.' "Then,' said I, 'you're ever so much better, for the last time I saw you you hadn't slept for a month."

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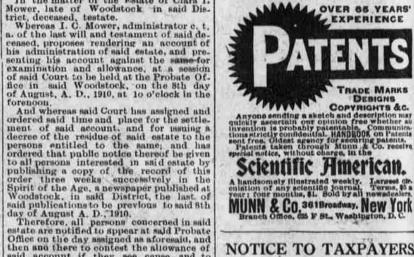
Preaching, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 11.45 a. m.; Thursday prayer meeting, 7.30 p. m.; Sunday

evening meeting, 7.30. Catholic-Rev. E. C. Drouhin, pastor Mass at 11 a m.; evening

Sunday of each month at Village hall, Quechee, at 9 o'clock, and at Barnard, at the town hall, on the second Sunday of each month at 9 o'clock

after Morning Prayer. Sunday School at noon. Evening Prayer and sermon 5 p. m. All are

ing at 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school at 12; Y. P. S. C. E. at 7.30 p. m.; mid-week prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7.30 p. m.



The Tax Bills for Town, Highway and School Taxes on the 1910 Grand List of Woodstock, Vermont, have been delivered to me for collec-

will be allowed on taxes paid during that time. Taxes not so paid will be collected

day and after September 1st, till eight o'clock Wednesday and Saturday evenings F. C. Southgate,

1.59 1.4, Hal Dillard. 2.04 3.4, Hal Griffin, 2.05 1.4, Star Hal, 2.06 1.4, and a lot more good ones.

Star Pointer was the sire of Joe Pointer, 2.05, Sidney Pointer, 2.07 1.4, Schley Pointer 2.08 1.2. Sun Pointer, the sire of Robert Pointer Although Sun Pointer had no track record he went a trial mile in 2.20, last quarter ir '31 1.2.

The dam of Robert Pointer was sired by Brown Bird, 2.27 1.4, he by Eagle Bird, 2.31 sire of Eagle Flannigan, 2.07 1.2, Alamito 2.10 1.2, Monbars, 2.11 3.4, Masyaret, 2.13. 1.4, Kentucky Frank, 2.14 1.2, etc.

Eagle Bird was sired by Jay Bird, by George Wilkes. Jay Bird, 2.10, Rose Croix, 2.10 1.4, Miss Jay, 2.11 1.2, Larabie, 2.12 3.4, etc. He has 83 in the 2.30 list.

The dam of Eagle Bird—the sire of Brown Bird, was Tansay, by George Wilkes. The dam of Brown Bird is Mary Kent, 2.28, by Kent No, 5567, sire of Kendall, 2.17%, and many other fast ones.

Although Robert Pointer has had no tranning, he is a horse with good action, good life, good shape and a well developed horse for one of his age,

Whether looking for speed or size you will do well to look this horse over before deading elsewhere. This horse will make the senson of 1910 at Pie-eating contests are expected become popular at the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. Midshipman H. O. Roesch, who escaped a court martial for refereeing one has been assigned to the new dread nought Delaware. When Roesch umpired the contest, Superintendent Bowyer wanted him court martialed. The navy department held the thing was too trivial for official notice.

and his assignment to the higher battleship of the navy followed to day. Boesch is the crack rifle shot of the American army and navy.

Thieves entered the residence

Mrs. W. G. Roberts on Maple street her house.

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Sunday Services.

nastor; morning service at 10.30, Sunday school at 11.45.

Endeavor at 7.30. Thursday evening prayer meeting at 7.30. Methodist Episcopal-Rev. F. T. Clark, pastor. Services Sunday;

service at 7.30. Services will be held the fourth

St. James Church-Rev. R. Le-Blanc Lynch, rector, Morning Prayer and Sermon to.30 a. m Hojy Com munion on first Sunday in the month

Christian-Rev. W. A. Leonard, pastor. Services Sunday: Preach-

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

tion and taxpayers are called upon to pay their respective taxes within 90 days from date (by September 28, 1910.)

The deduction provided by law

by the Constable with costs. I will receive at my office even

Town Treasurer. Woodstock, Vt., July 1, 1910.

Pie Eating No Crime.

His graduation, which was being held up, was immediately allowed

White River Junction late Saturday forenoon taking several articles among these two or three rings and a small sum of money. Forepaugh and Sells' circus was in town and Mrs. Roberts had gone over to the main street to view the parad During the morning one or two sur picious looking strangers were seen hanging around in the vicinity of